

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3525. An Act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7691. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Ukraine for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2490. An Act to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, and for other purposes.

## TAKE A STAND AGAINST HATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today to express my sympathies and my condolences to the families of the many who have suffered from hate—more specifically, the families who have lost loved ones to hate.

The latest example that is being discussed quite widely now is what happened in Buffalo: 13 people wounded, the majority of them, the overwhelming majority, African Americans. Some were White.

But I express my sympathies and condolences to all persons who have family members who have suffered from hate violence. I do so because I understand that sympathies and condolences are important. People need to know that you care. But I also know, Madam Speaker, that sympathies and condolences are not enough.

It is not enough now to express our sorrow. It is important to express our sorrows, but it is not enough. Too many have died, and the truth is, this impacts all segments of society.

The African-American community had 9 people murdered on June 18, 2015, at the Charleston, South Carolina, church shooting.

The Asian community, 8 people murdered on March 16, 2021, at the Atlanta spa shooting.

The Jewish community, 11 people murdered on October 27, 2018, at the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue shooting.

The Latino community, 22 people murdered on August 1, 2019, at the El Paso Walmart shooting.

The Muslim community, two people murdered on August 13, 2016, at the New York City mosque shooting.

The LGBTQ community, 49 people murdered on June 12, 2020, at the Pulse nightclub shooting.

This impacts all of our communities. All are at risk. The truth is, this continues because too many people in this country tolerate hate. Those who tolerate hate perpetuate hate.

Too many people tolerate hate. It is time for all to speak up.

If we are going to do something about this, we have to acknowledge something. The person who did this in the State of New York, Buffalo, this person has to be prosecuted to the fullest extent that the law allows, the fullest extent.

But we also have to understand something else as it relates to this person and the many others who have engaged in this kind of horrific activity, self-proclaimed white supremacists, persons who travel some great distance so they can find persons of African ancestry that are suitable for assassination. It happened in Texas at the Walmart. It happened in New York now at Buffalo, a person travels some 200 miles.

Saying that we care is important, but dealing with this hate is more important. We have to realize that for all of these people who performed these dastardly deeds that must be punished, we must realize that they were not born with this hate in their hearts. This is not expressing sympathy for them. This is understanding how it is we find ourselves having to mourn all of these persons who have been murdered, massacred, assassinated.

If we understand that they weren't born this way, then we have to ask ourselves: How did they become the dastards who would commit such heinous crimes?

I have in my hand something that is fairly succinct, something from a movie. I have the lyrics to the song, "You've Got to Be Taught."

You've got to be taught to hate and fear

You've got to be taught from year to year

It's got to be drummed into your dear little ear.

You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught to be afraid . . .

of people whose skin is a different shade

You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught

before it's too late

before you are six or

seven or eight

To hate all the people

your relatives hate

You've got to be carefully taught.

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Each of these persons were taught—some at home from families who stated things in their presence that encouraged them to do these things.

Today, we have the problems of the internet and social media. Today, we have the ability for young people, with and without their parents' knowledge, to receive information, disinformation, fabrications, insidious prevarications, to receive this kind of horrible information online, with and without their parents knowing.

It appears that there is a theory now, the great replacement theory, the fear that immigrants are going to replace White Europeans. It appears this young man, this dastard in New York, the State of New York, city of Buffalo, that this person decided that this theory was enough to motivate him to commit these crimes.

We have to fight evil speech with our just speech. The speech that can counteract the evil messages that are being pervaded. We have to fight it with our speech. Everybody has a duty to stand up and speak out.

Those who tolerate bigotry, Islamophobia, xenophobia, sexism, racism, anti-Semitism, all of the various invidious phobias, those who tolerate these phobias, who tolerate people deciding that they will simply murder and massacre people, those who tolerate, perpetuate. And to a certain extent you become complicit.

As Dr. King put it, after some point of time, those who tolerate hate—these are not his exact words—it becomes betrayal. We have a duty to stand up and speak out. All people of good will.

Madam Speaker, I ask today: Where is the business community? These things are happening in places of business.

Where is the Chamber of Commerce? Where are the various Chambers of Commerce across this Nation? Why have they not spoken out?

These things are occurring in business places. At some point, people will limit their engagement in business places, if we don't stand up and speak out.

If people understand that there is a risk of being harmed for going into a food store or a service station, some place of business, people will limit their activities.

Someone might say, well, you can always order your food from a source and have it delivered to you. I contend that if you do this, or if you limit your participation, revenue will decline in places of business. The business community has to be concerned about its revenue.

Look, we should all be concerned about the lives that have been lost, but this can impact the economy. It can impact businesses and the extent that they will be able to maintain the workforce that they have. We have got to care about all of this. What impacts one directly can impact all indirectly. So we have got to concern ourselves with what is happening and how this can impact the economy.

So if we conclude that people are going to limit their access by going into places, choosing not to go, well, if this occurs, as I said, you might want to order your products from these business places. But here is the problem with that. That, too, will cause the revenue flow to be impacted in an adverse way.

Here is why. It is not unusual for someone—and I will use myself as an example—to go into a place of business